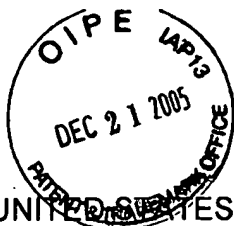


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In response to the Final Official Action of October 12, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 12, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

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